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(57) Abstract <p>A method for increasing or facilitating the absorption of minerals from the diet. A nutritional composition which contains <i>lactobacilli</i> is enterally administered to a mammal. The nutritional composition is suitable for the treatment or prophylaxis of subjects having mineral deficiencies, or to compensate for physiological deficiencies due to a diet low in minerals, or to satisfy major physiological requirements for minerals in young children, pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding and the elderly.</p>			